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**REMARKS**

By the present Preliminary Amendment, applicant has amended the specification to add the headings suggested by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. In addition, the Sequence Listing on pages 12-16 has been deleted because a Sequence Listing believed to be in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825 was submitted with the application. Further, claim 1 has also been amended solely for clarification purposes to conform to the U.S. practice. No new matter is added. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, a marked up version of the amended specification and claim 1 is attached.

Entry of the foregoing and prompt and favorable consideration of the subject application on the merits are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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For: TREATMENT OR PROPHYLAXIS OF ISCHEMIC HEART DISEASE

**MARKED UP VERSION OF REPLACEMENT SECTION HEADING AND  
REWRITTEN CLAIM ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In the present Preliminary Amendment, the section heading at page 1, line 3, and claim 1 have been amended. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, a marked up version is provided.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

At page 1, line 3:

[BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION] Field of the Invention

**IN THE CLAIMS:**


1. "amended" A pharmaceutical composition for use in treatment or prophylaxis of ischemic heart disease, the pharmaceutical composition [containing] comprising a substance, as an active ingredient, which can increase intracellular cGMP production by acting on a natriuretic peptide receptor, and which has an effect of reducing an infarct region.

In the event that there are questions relating to this submission, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would contact the undersigned attorneys concerning such questions.

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